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1. WE BELIEVE INITIAL REACTION OF GSI TO WORD THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WOULD HEAD U.S. DELEGATION OF 30 TO INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES WOULD BE ONE OF INITIAL EUPHORIA SUBSEQUENTLY TEMPERED BY CONCERN OVER HANDLING SUCH A LARGE GROUP IN ADDITION TO THE MANY OTHER DELEGATIONS.

2. CENTRAL CONSIDERATION IS FACT THAT HONIARA IS TOWN OF 15,000 AND GSI HAS VERY LIMITED RESOURCES. THERE ARE FEW PERSONS THE ISLANDERS WOULD RATHER HAVE ATTEND THAN SENATOR KENNEDY AND THE SON OF JOHN F. KENNEDY. HOWEVER, CAPABILITIES ARE LIMITED AND 25 OR SO AMERICANS BEYOND NUMBERS EXPECTED WILL STRAIN RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION. REFTEL A STATED PRESENCE OF U.S. NAVAL VESSELS SHOULD PROVIDE SOME FLEXIBILITY. IT WILL, BUT THAT IS ALL THE
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FLEXIBILITY THERE IS. DELEGATE AND WIFE OR TWO DELEGATES WILL BE HOUSED IN ONLY FIRST CLASS HOTEL. MEDIA WILL HAVE SECOND HOTEL AND MARINE VETS THE REMAINING ACCOMMODATIONS. AS STATED REFTEL B, NO OTHER PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS EXIST. ACTING PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR MARSHALL IS TRYING TO FIND FAMILIES WILLING TO PUT UP ONE OR TWO PERSONS IN THEIR HOMES. PEACE CORPS' OWN HOUSING RESOURCES WILL BE

STRAINED BY ARRIVAL OF NEW CONTINGENT OF PCV'S IN LATE JUNE. DEPT MAY WANT TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF DELAYING THEIR ARRIVAL SO THAT PERHAPS PT 109 VETERANS COULD STAY WITH PEACE CORPS. SUCH ACCOMMODATIONS WOULD BE VERY MODEST.

3. IN ORDER TO GIVE MORE PRECISE RESPONSE TO REFTTEL A, WE WOULD WANT TO KNOW HOW MANY MEMBERS OF U.S. DEL WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IF SEATED DINNERS INCLUDED IN PROGRAM AND HOW MANY TO BE INCLUDED IF THERE ARE RESERVED SEAT AFFAIRS WITH LIMITED SPACE.

4. DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT LAVISH U.S. PARTICIPATION IN INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES WILL RAISE GSI EXPECTATION RE INDEPENDENCE GIFT, ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENT MISSION, AND AID. NEVERTHELESS WE ARE CONVINCED SOLOMON ISLANDERS WILL BE THRILLED WITH U.S. REPRESENTATION AND VERY APPRECIATIVE OF NAVAL PRESENCE.
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